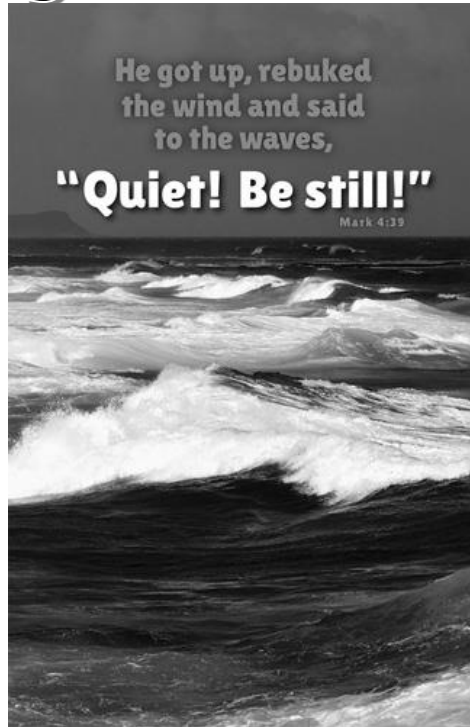


“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 20th, 2021

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

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Altar Guild
Acolyte
Offering Presenter

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 20, 2021 – 9:15 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

C we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

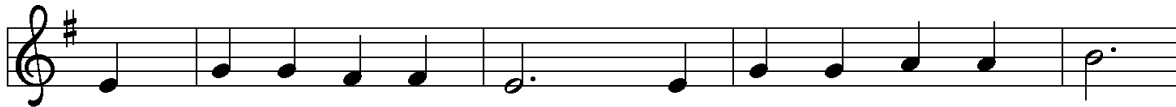
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* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (*In Unison*)

P Let us pray...

C O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

FIRST READINGJob 38:1-11

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (*Responsively*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;

in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

SECOND READING..... 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

* GOSPEL.....Mark 4:35-41

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

SERMON

Vicar Leister

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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* APOSTLES' CREED (*In Unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

C **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.**

Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

* HOLY COMMUNION

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)

P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

*** COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (vss. 4-6) bulletin, pg. 13

* DISMISSAL

 P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

 C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Randy Clark

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner & Kim White (5/31/21—6/27/21)

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTE – Paige Martin

NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING PRESENTER – Gabby Reed

WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Dave Veerman, *Christian Thinker*: Biblical application means allowing the truth of the scripture to penetrate our lives, to make a difference in how we live.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

WE PRAY IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD for new parents Todd and Debbie Wise who welcomed sons, James Wyatt and Zachary James to their family. Larry and Dianna Wise are thankful for all the prayers over these weeks and especially these past days.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING 2020 AND 2021 SENIORS: Zane Hazard (2020), son of Bob and Tina Hazard; Marina Holderman (2020), daughter of Bill and Christie Holderman; Garrett Berry (2020), son of Steve and Jean Berry; Tai Kepler (2021), son of Marc and Nasreen Kepler; Drew Lauver (2021), son of Andy and Rachael Lauver; Nathan Swailes (2021), son of Kevin and Kate Swailes; and Jace White (2021), son of John and Kim White.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, August 6th, Messiah congregational splash party at Central Juniata Park Pool in Mifflin. More information will follow.

ANYONE WITH CHILDREN entering 6th grade or higher in the fall of 2021 who would like to register their child for the upcoming confirmation class (and is not already registered) are asked to contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

JUNE’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for the Hockenberry Family of East Waterford who not only lost everything in a house fire on May 17th, but also lost their mother and grandmother due to that fire. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Hockenberry Family for this cause. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

June 13, 2021 Attendance – 42

Total Offering	\$3,105.00	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Other Funds	<u>494.00</u>	Benevolence	\$ 145.00
General Fund	\$2,611.00	Building Fund	100.00
		Fire Victims	175.00
		World Hunger	50.00
		Flowers	<u>24.00</u>
		Total	\$ 494.00

OUR WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE AT MESSIAH has begun talks about possibly changing the starting times of all Sunday services to an earlier time. Discussion centered around possibly starting services at 10 AM at the beginning of 2022, with the Sunday School hour then being adjusted as well. *HOWEVER*, we need your input!! Is 10 AM a time which would seem a good time to have all Sunday services? (Please remember that we now have air conditioning in our building. The lack of A/C in the past was a huge reason why we started having summer services at 9:15 AM). What do *YOU* think about a 10 AM start time? Would you prefer another, earlier time? What time would you like to see the Sunday School “portion” of the morning to begin?? Again, *WE NEED YOUR INPUT!* Please take the time to talk to any of our Worship & Music Committee members – Vicar Sam, Bob St. Clair, Diana Wise, Michelle Stoner, Andrea Cameron, or Jamie Miller – and share any ideas you may have concerning our start time in 2022. Remember, whatever time is selected will be that same start time all year round. But, as you may have heard, ***WE NEED YOUR INPUT!!*** Reach out to one of the committee members today! COPIES OF MARCH 21, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER – Kate Swales is serving as our congregation’s camperson with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Since our congregation has a camperson, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who attended camp at Mount Luther in the past should have already received the camp brochures in the mail (additional brochures are available in the Adult Sunday School Room). For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit www.campmountluther.org. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. Because Camp Mount Luther is accepting a lower number of campers this summer, Chad Hershberger recommends that families register their campers as soon as possible. Registration will not be accepted within the two weeks prior to each camp week.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, CLEANING SUPPLIES, PAPER PRODUCTS. SUMMER BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM: SINGLE SERVE MEALS, JELLO CUPS, FRUIT CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING, SMALL BOXES OF RAISINS. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY & DISCOUNT STORES.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday:** -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

PRAYER LIST

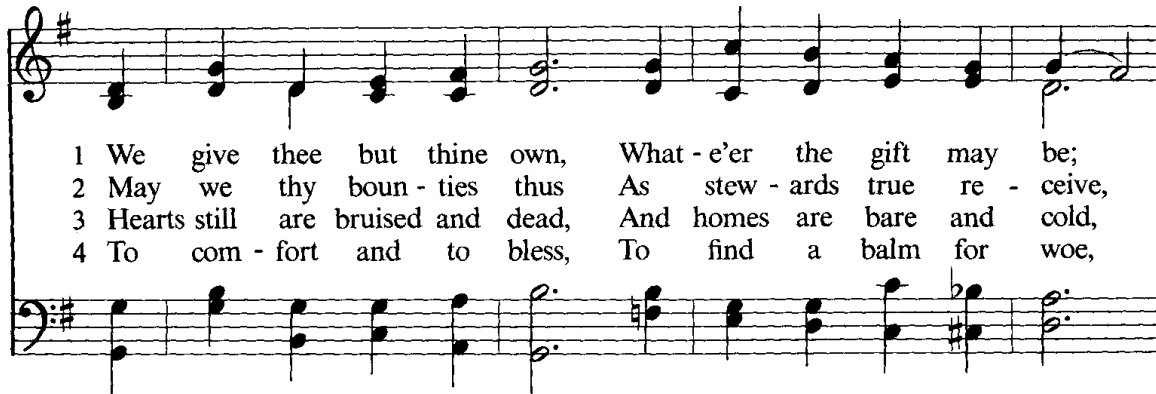
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Curtis Clark	Doc Johnston	Butch & Sandy Pines
Randy Clark	Guy Kerstetter	Cheryl Pinkerton & family
Terry Coder	Denny King	Betty Ranck
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PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

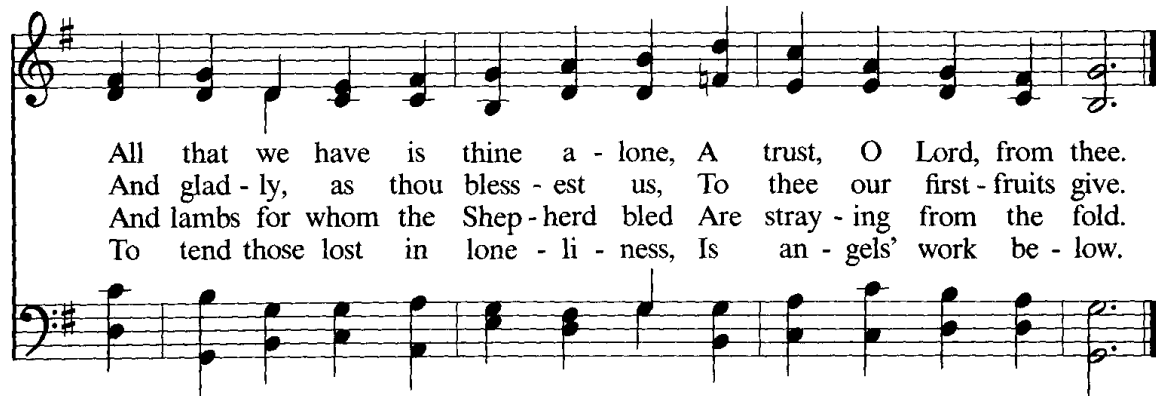
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Jane Marhefka	

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
 4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
 And glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.
 And lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
 To tend those lost in lone - li - ness, Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,
 The lost to God to bring,
 To teach the way of life and peace—
 It is a Christlike thing.

6 And we believe thy word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
 We do it unto thee.

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love - pos - sessed:
 4 No love - lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known

May Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
 Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word

This rings my cur - few call: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Has none that can com - pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 This bless - ing shall break in: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: Oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
 In this their concord find:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 Ring joyous with the sound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
 Sing, all who see his face,
 Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 Today and evermore,
 Shall Jesus Christ be praised!